

In the Specification

Please amend the paragraph at page 6, lines 8 - 10, as follows:

- - Figs. 7(a) ~~and 7(b)~~ - 7(c) show the endoscope image pickup unit according to Embodiment 1 of the present invention, with Fig. 7(a) being a length cross ~~section and~~ section, with Fig. 7(b) being an end view as viewed in the direction indicated by the arrow A in Fig. 7(a); Fig. 7(a), and with Fig. 7(c) being an enlarged view of the lens portion of Fig. 7(a).

Please amend Table 3 on page 16 as follows:

TABLE 3

item	legend	unit	Embodiment 1	Embodiment 2
Image scale factor	β_0		-2.678847	-6.63
Focal length of front lens group	f1	mm	0.765	0.591
Focal length of rear lens group	f2	mm	3.476	4.557
Focal length	f	mm	0.657	0.797
Half- field angle	wy	deg	6.141	3.95
Exit angle of <u>chief</u> ray	wy'	deg	13.965	6.02
Numerical aperture on object side	NA		0.2184	0.55
Stop diameter	$\Phi 1$	mm	0.36	0.66
Maximum lens diameter	$\Phi 2$	mm	1	1.2
Pitch	p	μm	4	4
Reference wavelength	λ	μm	0.546	0.546